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Barrington New President of Kiwanis Club

New president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club is John A. Barrington, as the result of a recent election. He is now first vice president and succeeds Joe M. Doss.

Other new officers of the club are K. A. Anderson, first vice president; B. I. Johnson, second vice president, and C. J. Meadway, treasurer. New members of the board of directors will be K. S. Avera, W. N. Laster, W. R. Noel, and A. W. Smith.

New officers will take over on Jan. 1, with official installation ceremonies scheduled early in January.

Barrington is associated in business with his father, H. C. Barrington, owner of the Barrington Welding Works.

Earth Shift Breaks Main

The shifting earth on the south side of the Palos Verdes peninsula apparently broke a water main at the Portuguese Bend Club about 3 a.m. Saturday morning, sheriff's deputies reported.

The gradual settling of the land has caused cracks in streets, driveways, and foundations of homes in the area, and sewer mains and cesspools have caved in.

No damage was reported as a result of the water main break, however, except for considerable flooding. Gas company crews were keeping a round-the-clock watch to check the condition of gas lines in the area.

PV Riviera Residents Organize New Group

Residents of the recently-occupied Palos Verdes Riviera section will meet to organize a homeowners' association tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Riviera School.

Planners Nix Proposal For Riviera Rezoning

"Creeping Commercialism"—not "Creeping Socialism" was the subject of discussion at a stormy Torrance Planning Commission zone hearing Wednesday night as the group turned thumbs down on the proposal of a Santa Monica man for commercial zoning of land at 5316-24-36 Pacific Coast Hwy.

At one point in the hearing Commission President Burt Lynn threatened to have the police silence Theodore F. Verall, who had requested the zone change. After the hearing was formally ended Verall interrupted the proceedings several times. Lynn termed the case "probably the second most difficult decision we ever made."

Plan Mixed
After hearing protests from several neighbors and R. C. Herrick, president of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Association, the commission unanimously recommended Verall's request for disapproval, citing these reasons:

1. The property abuts on residential property.
2. There is not enough parking space.
3. Granting the variance would encourage "creeping commercialism."
4. Spot zoning would create a traffic hazard.

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Voters To Decide 2 Proposals In School Election Tuesday

Money Needed for School Buildings, Pay Increases

Important money questions will be settled by Torrance's voters Thursday as they act on two proposals which would provide more cash for new buildings and other increased costs in the Torrance Unified School District.

Up for vote will be these two proposals:

1. Authorization for the Torrance Unified School District to accept a \$14,000,000 loan from the state. This would be used to build some eight or nine elementary schools needed to alleviate the critical (4000-5000) double session problem and to meet the needs of the rapidly increasing school populations.
2. An increase in the maximum tax rate in the Torrance Unified School District from \$1.65 to \$2.40. This 75-cent override tax would be used to equip planned new schools, maintain higher costs of the present school program, and enable increased teachers' salaries.

Majority Required
The second proposal, for a

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23 Polls Will Open From 7 to 7 This Tuesday

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, at 23 polling places throughout the city for voting on two proposals for more money for the Torrance Unified School District.

All Torrance residents who registered before Aug. 16 will be eligible to vote in the election. Each voter should have received a notification telling him where to vote.

Each of the city's 21 schools will be a polling place, as will El Retiro Park, 5305 Carol Dr. and 142 Via Pasqual.

Traffic Claims Another Victim

Another name was added to the city's mounting traffic toll this week.

Diaper-clad Robert Morris, 20 months, suffered fatal injuries when he toddled into a street in front of his home and was struck by a passing car late Wednesday.

Investigators said the infant was in the front yard with his father, Robert Morris Sr., of 21213 Palos Verdes Blvd., when he apparently wandered from behind a parked car to be struck by an auto driven by Robert K. Frey, 28, of 5514 Ruby St.

Heard Auto Brakes
The father, who was mowing the grass, heard the squeal of brakes and ran to his son. He gathered up the crumpled body and rushed the tot to Harbor General Hospital, where he died of a fractured skull and internal injuries. Frey was not held.

The baby's remains were removed to the Stone & Myers Mortuary.

Rites Yesterday
Funeral services for the tot were at Stone & Myers yesterday afternoon with Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church of Torrance officiating. Interment was in Green Hills Cemetery.

In addition to the parents, the boy leaves a brother, Richard E. Morris, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Selman Burnette, of Lomita, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris of Stockton.

Two Cyclists Hurt
Two boy cyclists were injured in collisions with cars that occurred within five minutes apart of one another Thursday.

Francis Deikmann, 12, of 2701 W. 166th Pl., was bruised at 3:45 p.m. on 174th St. near Crenshaw Blvd. The motorist was Felix J. Irono, 34, of 4316 W. 170th St.

Another Crash
A two-car collision early Saturday resulted in possibly serious injuries for Oscar Dickinson, 54, of 1809 Clark Lane, Redondo Beach.

Officers said his auto was involved in a crash with a car driven by Terry Baker, 20, of 17109 Della Ave., at 174th St. and Yukon Ave.

The victim was taken by Wright's Ambulance to Harbor General Hospital.

Temperatures
Temperatures in Torrance during the past week as recorded at the Torrance Fire Department's main station were:

	High	Low
Monday	79	59
Tuesday	78	62
Wednesday	82	65
Thursday	82	64
Friday	70	56
Saturday	72	56

Plan Held Over
The request of Dr. Arthur J. Langan, San Pedro, for a variance to build a furniture and appliance store at 2520 Torrance Blvd. was held over for another week. It would be located on property now zoned for residential purposes. Langan told the commission that there would be parking space

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Census Official To Open Office In the Morning

Official tabulation of the city's present population should get under way later this week, City Manager George Stevens reported yesterday.

The arrival of Benjamin Kudin, special census supervisor, who will have charge of the city's fourth special census since 1950, is scheduled tomorrow morning. At that time, he will begin interviewing applicants for the positions of enumerator and crew chief which must be filled during the special count.

Following brief training sessions, the house-to-house tabulation of the city's residents will be started.

Workers Sought
Applications are still being accepted at the City Hall, 3091 Torrance Blvd., for persons who would like a few weeks' employment during the special census, Stevens said. He emphasized that persons must be physically able to go from house to house all day, and to put down in legible handwriting the information obtained at each residence.

City officials estimate that the census will show about 82,000 persons now live here. Previous official census of the city was last year as of Sept. 17 at which time 67,459 persons were tabulated. Prior to that, the Nov. 4, 1953, special census turned up 44,914 persons; the Jan. 1, 1952, census put the population at 31,834. The 1950 Federal Census credited the city with 22,241 residents.

Estimates Vary
"Guesimates" of 1956 figures by city employees this week ranged from 81,000 to 87,000.

Henry M. West, building inspector, was the most conservative with an estimate that the population would reach 81,979 in the census about to get under way.

On the other end of the guessing scale was Pat Sargent, director of the planning department, who thought the nose count would reach 87,123.

Others Close
Other estimates given to The Herald Friday included J. A. Beasley, land use investigator, 84,105; Bert Lynn, president of the planning commission, 83,106; George Powell, planning director, 82,358; Walter A. Bradford, senior clerk in the building department, 82,150; Bernice Goodwin, minute clerk for the city, 82,112; and Shirley Morton, city attorney's office, 83,837.

Only the actual street-by-street tabulation of the residents will tell who is the best in estimating populations. The answer should be in some time in November.

Part of 225th Street Changed to San Ardo
The name of 225th St. in tract 19308 has been changed to San Ardo St., the Torrance Planning Commission was informed Tuesday by Billy D. Mayle, of the city street name division.

The change was made to straighten out a confusing numbering situation due to existing house, she said.

Suspects Duck As Bullets Fly

Bullets and a brief, high speed chase resulted in the capture of an escaped convict and his companion early Saturday after the pair assertedly burglarized the Ozark Bar-B-Q at 3124 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.

George L. Spillman, 35, an escapee from the Indiana State Prison, and Clarence Goodwin, 21, both of Logansport, Ind., were booked on suspicion of burglary following their arrests by Det. Sgt. Ted Morris at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Rolling Hills Rd.

Police said the pair were found inside the cafe, by the owner, John Stretch, who came from his nearby home at 3111 Newton St., to check activity around the establishment.

Cafe Owner Shoots
Stretch fired 10 or 12 rounds from a .22-caliber rifle towards the burglars as they dashed from the eatery and hid in the tall weeds of a field by the place. He was joined by a Los Angeles policeman, W. E. Fitzgerald of 3103 Newton St., who fired five shots from his service revolver in the direction of the men.

After a brief search, local detectives pretended to walk off the hunt. Instead, Det. Don Hamilton hid with the L.A. officer in the latter's home and Morris sat in a patrol car hidden near-by.

Vigil Rewarded
Their vigil was rewarded after two hours. The suspects crept from the undergrowth and made for an auto parked near-by. Ignoring police warnings to halt, they jumped into the car and started east amid a blaze of five bullets fired by Hamilton.

With siren screaming and red lights flashing, Morris' car closed in pursuit and forced the suspects' auto to the curb. The detective held them at gunpoint until other officers arrived.

Wanted In Indiana
Investigators said that Spillman admitted fleeing the Indiana institution, where he had been serving a sentence for burglary and theft. Indiana authorities later notified police that they hold a warrant for his arrest as an escapee.

Thief on Bike Gets Away With Rare Birds
A juvenile thief who made his get-away on a bicycle after taking rare birds and rabbits is being sought by police today.

L. K. Rodriguez of 4430 Del Amo Blvd. told officers he saw the lad riding away with nine Japanese canary birds and two rabbits, worth a total of \$137. Rodriguez said he gave chase on foot, but was unable to catch the lad.

Fuchsia Society Sets Meeting This Tuesday
The North Torrance Fuchsia Society will meet next Tuesday night at McMaster Park Hall, 174th and Yukon Ave., with a jitney pot-luck at 6:30 p.m.

A representative of the Richfield Oil Co. will show colored slides on conservation of natural resources, according to Margaret Clark, program chairman.

Theft Suspect Jailed By Los Angeles Police
Joseph F. Markley, 39, of 2430 W. 231st St., was jailed by Los Angeles Police Friday on suspicion of stealing equipment from the Shell Chemical Co., 190th and Figueroa Sts., last week.

Officers said some of the construction equipment taken was found at Markley's home. The suspect denied implication.

Kelly Named President of THS Seniors
Continuing his tradition of presidencies, 17-year-old Don Kelly has been elected president of the senior class at Torrance High School, replacing Charlie Jennings, who moved to Riverside.

Kelly, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Kelly, 1415 Beech St., also was president of the sophomore and junior classes at Torrance High School. His other activities at the school have included being Tartar Knight captain, a delegate to Boys' State last year, and a frequent participant in variety shows and one-act plays.

He officially took over in a Senior Class Council meeting which established a Senior Court for the school.

In other political activity at THS, candidates are busily campaigning for offices in the freshmen class. Campaign posters decorate the halls in an election to be held this week.



A PRESIDENT AGAIN... Don Kelly has been elected president of the senior class at Torrance High School. His election was almost a matter of course, since he was president of the sophomore and junior classes at his school.